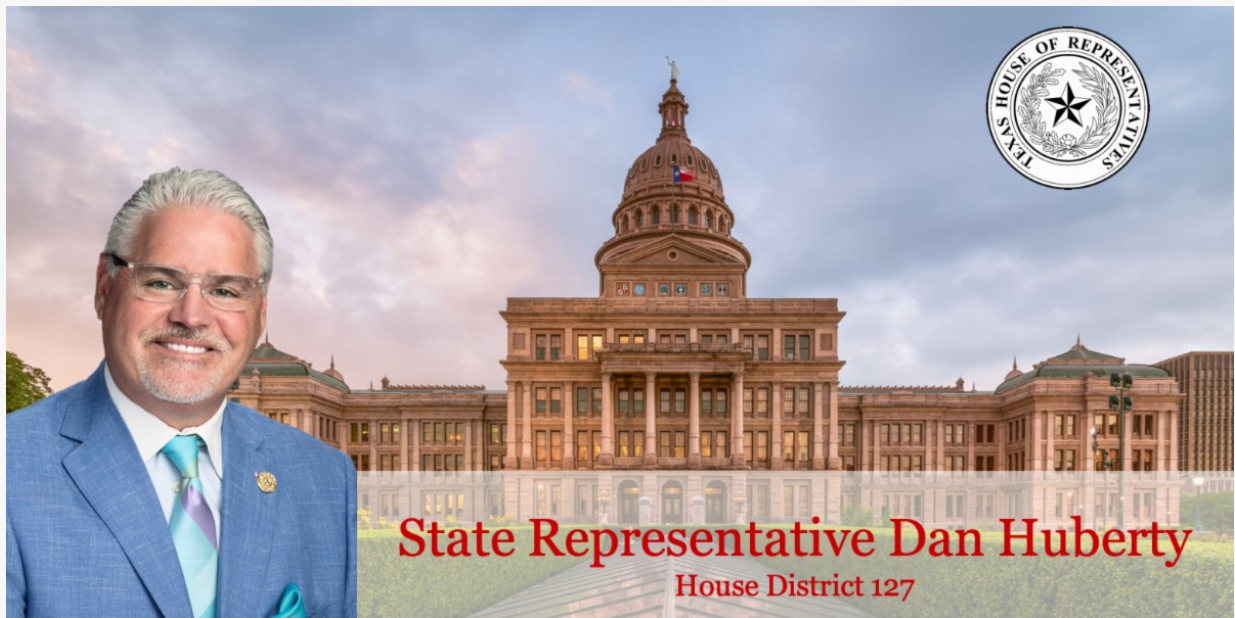


[Share](#)[Tweet](#)

Thank you for your subscription to Rep. Dan Huberty's Newsletter. If you wish to unsubscribe, please use the SafeUnsubscribe option at the bottom of this email.



March 26, 2021

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Below you will find important federal, state, and local updates from the last week curated for you in one place.

First, it brings me great pleasure to announce that the state of Texas is making the COVID-19 vaccine available to all adults starting this Monday, March 29. This is great news for our state, and a big step in getting this pandemic behind us. Check for vaccine availability [here](#).

I am also pleased to announce that I have been named the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Business & Occupational Regulation. As a subcommittee of the Licensing and Administrative Procedures, we will hear bills pertaining to employment regulations and business' operating restrictions, among others.

Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



## 87th Legislative Session

### Bill Spotlight: HB 805 & HB 1147

**HB 805** - Relating to certain increases in benefits under the firefighters' relief and

**retirement fund in certain municipalities.**

Prior to July 1, 2017 members of the Houston Firefighter's Relief and Retirement Fund (HFRRF) who retired after 20 years of service were eligible to receive cost of living adjustments (COLAs) beginning at age 48. As a result of SB 2190 in the 85th Legislative Session, changes were made to the HFRRF's statute that significantly altered the members' COLA benefits, including a prohibition on COLA increases to members under the age of 70 for a period of three years. In addition, the eligibility age for COLA increases was raised to age 55.

The combination of these changes resulted in a small number of retirees finding themselves in a situation where they will no longer receive a COLA increase for the mandated three-year period, and additionally, will not receive a COLA increase for as long as seven more years, due to the age change.

HB 805 would simply prevent those members who made the decision to retire based on the pre-existing statute from being unfairly penalized beyond the three-year COLA moratorium.

**HB 1147 - Relating to military readiness for purposes of the college, career, or military readiness outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program.**

With the passage of HB 3 during the 86th Legislative Session, schools receive college, career, and military readiness (CCMR) bonuses in accordance with the number of students they graduate that meet specific criteria.

Currently, schools are not recognized for preparing a "military-ready" student when a graduate chooses to enroll in the Texas National Guard, and this omission creates inaccuracies in measuring progress towards the goals set under the state's master plan for higher education and under-rewards school districts for their successes in preparing annual graduates for the workforce.

HB 1147 ensures that should a student choose to enlist in the Texas National Guard, their school is also recognized for preparing a military-ready student.

For a comprehensive list of Representative Huberty's legislative agenda, click [here](#)

## Bill Status Hotline

The Legislative Reference Library [introduced](#) a bill status hotline: **877-824-7038** (toll-free in Texas)

## State Updates

### Texas Opens COVID-19 Vaccine to Every Adult on Monday, March 29



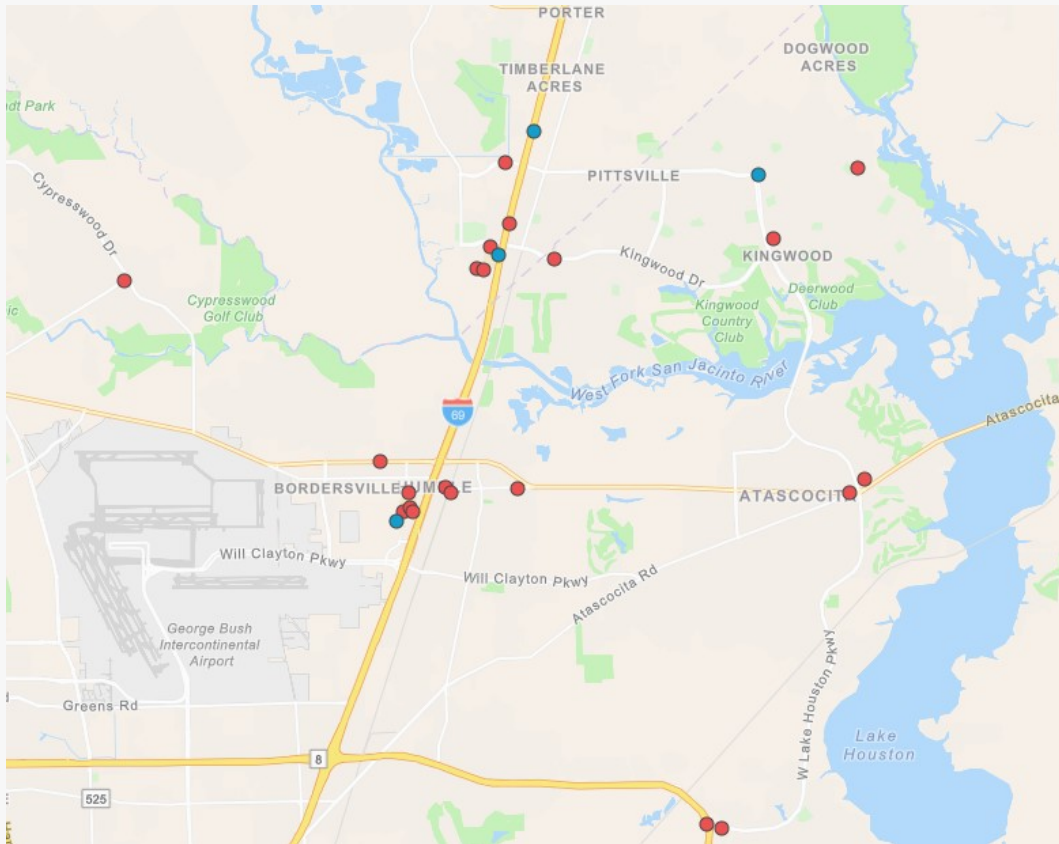
**TEXAS**  
Health and Human  
Services

**Texas Department of State  
Health Services**

#### **Texas to Open COVID-19 Vaccination to All Adults on March 29**

DSHS directs providers to continue to prioritize older adults All adults will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Texas beginning Monday, March 29. The Texas Department of State Health Services expects vaccine supplies to increase next...

## COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Map



Click the image to view an interactive map

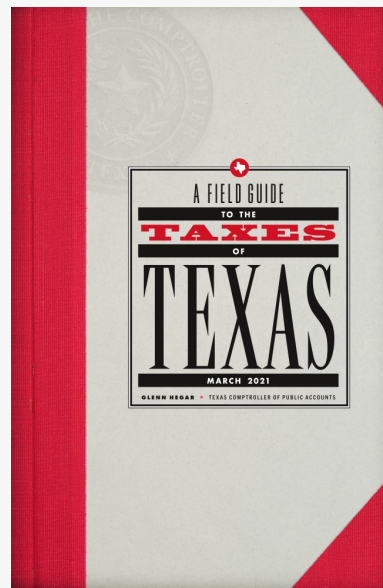
If you would like to register for a COVID-19 vaccine, please click [here](#).

## Texas Comptroller's Office Releases Update to *A Field Guide to the Taxes of Texas*

Every year, the state collects billions in state taxes and fees, federal receipts and other sources of revenue. These funds are used to pay for all of the responsibilities of state government, including the education of more than 5 million public school students and the provision of health insurance for more than 4 million low-income Texans.

In *A Field Guide to the Taxes of Texas*, readers can:

- Learn how major taxes have contributed to state revenue during the past 10 years;
- See future revenue estimates, exemption value estimates and tax allocations; and
- Connect to other in-depth resources about state taxes and finances.



# Governor Abbott, TDEM Request Extension Of FEMA Community Vaccination Sites In DFW Metroplex, Houston



Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott

## Governor Abbott, TDEM Request Extension Of FEMA...

Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) have requested an extension of the Federally Supported Community Vaccination Centers in Arlington, Dallas, and Houston. Originally launched in February, these federal...

[Read more](http://gov.texas.gov)  
gov.texas.gov

## City of Houston & Harris County Updates

### Harris County Public Health Dashboard



Harris County  
**Public Health**  
Building a Healthy Community

## District 127 Updates

### Join Me At Kingwood BizCom

Join Partnership Lake Houston for the Kingwood BizCom for a discussion featuring a blend of businesses, community members, and school officials coming together to address specific needs and issues of the Kingwood community.

I will be speaking at the event, specifically to address Texas House Bill 1525 relating to the creation of the Lake Houston Dredging and Maintenance District

**When:** Thursday, April 8 via Zoom at 11:00 am

**Register:** [Here](#)



## Give Blood, Give Life

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be sponsoring a blood drive next week.

**When:** Wednesday, March 31, from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Octavia Fields Branch Library  
1503 S. Houston Ave., Humble



## Contact Information

**State Representative**

**Dan Huberty**

[Email Dan](#)

**Casey Christman**

**Chief of Staff**

[Email Casey](#)

**Jack Reed**

**Legislative Director**

[Email Jack](#)

**Ben Baker-Katz**

**Legislative Aide**

[Email Ben](#)

**Capitol Physical Address:**

1100 Congress Avenue, GS.2  
Austin, TX 78701

**Capitol Mailing Address:**

P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, TX 78768

**Capitol Phone:**

(512) 463-0520

**Capitol Fax:**

(512) 463-1606

**District Address:**

4501 Magnolia Cove  
Suite 201  
Kingwood, TX 77345

**District Phone:**

(281) 360-9410

*This newsletter was not sent by State expense.  
Paid political advertising by Friends of Dan Huberty.*